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November 30, 2019

Clerk of the Court United States District Court of New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bldg. 50 Walnut Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

RE: Harrold v. City of Jersey City, et al. Civil Action No:

Dear Clerk of the Court:

Enclosed please find Plaintiff's Complaint and Jury Demand in the above referenced matter. Please file accordingly.

Thank you for your time and your cooperation.

Christopher C. Roberts, Esq.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

Case 2:19-cv-20898-JMV-JBC Document 1 Filed 11/30/19 Page 2 of 13 PageID: 2 CIVIL COVER SHEET

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Sabrina Harrold

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Christopher C. Roberts, Esq. 7 Glenwood avenue, Suite 401, East Orange, NJ 07017

DEFENDANTS

City of Jersey City, Mark Bunbury, Arthur Williams, John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporatio (1-10)

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- **l.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box. Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

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- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

Christopher C. Roberts (#001351995) Attorney at Law 7 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 401 East Orange, New Jersey (973)-673-0600 Attorneys for Plaintiff

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY NEWARK VICINAGE

Sabrina Harrold,

Plaintiff

Civil Action No.

V.

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

City of Jersey City, Mark Bunbury, Arthur Williams,, John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), ABC, LLC (1-10), ABC LLP (1-10), JOINTLY, SEVERALLY, INDIVIDUALLY

Defendants.

Plaintiff Sabrina Harrold residing in the City of Jersey City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, complaining of defendants City of Jersey City, Mark Bunbury, Arthur Williams and located at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 08807, alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is an action for relief from employment discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended ("Title VII"), the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) of 1967, 29

- U.S.C. sections 621-634, 42 U.S.C. sections, 1983 and 1985, Family Medical Leave Act 29 U.S.C.A. section 2601
- 2. The amount in controversy is greater than \$75,000.00.
- 3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. section 1391(a) in the United States District of New Jersey because defendants' activities transpired in this district.

PARTIES

- 4. At all relevant times, Defendant City of Jersey City (hereafter "City") was and is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey with its principal place of business located at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant Mark Bunbury was in the employ of defendant "City" whose location is at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, State of New Jersey. At all relevant times, Defendant Mark Bunbury was the agent, employee, representative, servant of defendant "City".
- 6. At all relevant times, Defendant Arthur Williams was in the employ of defendant "City" whose location is at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, State of New Jersey. At all relevant times, Defendant Scott Carbone was the agent, employee, representative, servant of defendant "City".
- 7. At all relevant times, defendants John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporation (1-10), ABC, LLC (1-10), ABC LLP (1-10), were in the employ of defendant "City" whose location is at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, State of New Jersey. At all relevant times, defendants John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporation (1-10), ABC, LLC (1-10), ABC LLP (1-10), were the agents, employees, representatives, servants of defendant "City".

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- This is an action for relief from employment discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended ("Title VII"), the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) of 1967, 29 U.S.C. sections 621-634.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff Sabrina Harrold alleges that Defendants City of Jersey City, Mark Bunbury and Arthur Williams and John (or Jane) Does 1-10, all of whose true names are unknown (collectively, "Defendants"), unlawfully discriminated against them on the basis of her age, gender/sex, disability, race and harassed her on those bases and retaliated against her.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants' policies, practices, and decisions had a disparate impact upon her.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff seek injunctive and declaratory relief, compensatory damages, punitive damages, liquidated damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as remedies for Defendants' violations of her rights.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff timely filed charges of discrimination with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") in or about November 2018.
- 6. Upon information and belief, on or about June 24, 2019, the EEOC made a Final Determination by EEOC Area Director John Waldinger, finding that Plaintiff was subjected to severe and pervasive hostile work environment, harassment, differential treatment and adverse employment terms and conditions and retaliation based on her age and on disability. The Final Determination by the EEOC concluded that Plaintiff

participated in as a witness in an internal discrimination investigation and was retaliated against by Defendant Arthur Williams, the Director of Recreation by being transferred to another location, having her duties stripped and given to a male, was isolated from the workplace and was excluded form staff meetings. Also, the EEOC found that Plaintiff was denied a request for disability accommodation to work from home for a short period of time after supplying all the proper medical determination, Also, the EEOC found that Plaintiff was subjected to derogatory comments in regards to her age such as but not limited to "You should retire. I need younger people working in Recreation" or words to that effect. Also, the EEOC found that Plaintiff was subjected to sex/gender based harassing comments such as "Ms. Harrold is about as useless as tits on a bull!" and "I need to get that bitch out of this office" or words to that effect.

- 7. Upon information and belief, on or around, the EEOC issued Plaintiff a Notice of Right to Sue on or about September 5, 2019.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff has timely filed this action and have complied with all administrative prerequisites to bring this lawsuit.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is a black woman man over the age 40, born in 1967.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff has been employed with the City of Jersey City Department of Recreation since in or about 1990. Plaintiff's position is Supervising Administrator Analyst.
- 11. Upon information and belief, in or about 2018, Plaintiff has been a target of discrimination by her supervisor Defendant Arthur Williams.

- 12. Upon information and belief, in or about 2018, Defendant Arthur Williams stripped Plaintiff from most of her duties as a Supervising Administrator Analyst and gave said duties to a male employer.
- 13. Upon information and belief, in or about 2018, Plaintiff complained to Defendants including Defendant Mark Bunbury who is the Human Resources Director, several times of harassing and discriminatory conduct and Defendants Williams, Bunbury, John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corp. (1-10) ignored her complaints.
- 14. Upon information and belief, in or about 2018, Defendant Williams told Plaintiff "You should retire, I need younger people working in Recreation" or words to that effect.
- 15. Upon information and belief in or about 2018, Defendant Williams has falsely accused Plaintiff of faking illnesses and place Plaintiff in an area subjecting her to exposure to gaseous fumes which made Plaintiff ill.
- 16. Upon information and belief, on or about June 16, 2019 Defendants City of Jersey City, Mark Bunbury and Arthur Williams John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), ABC, LLC(1-10), ABC LLP (1-10), were responsible for a reorganization of the Department of Recreation which includes the elimination of Plaintiff's position thus forcing Plaintiff to apply for a position in the Department of Recreation which she is already assigned. Such conduct appears to be in retaliation for Plaintiff's complaints of discrimination and said reorganization appears to be in violation of Civil Service protections afforded to Plaintiff.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Defendant(s) City of Jersey City, Mark Bunbury, Arthur Williams, John Does (1-10), Jane Does (1-10), ABC Corporations (1-10), ABC, LLC(1-10), ABC LLP (1-10), aided and abetted the discriminatory treatment against Plaintiff.

COUNT ONE

(NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.)

- 1. Plaintiff refers to the allegations set forth in the Facts Common to All Claims and by such reference repleads and incorporates them as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. Defendants' conduct as alleged in this complaint constitutes an unlawful employment practice, disparate treatment, hostile work environment, based on age, race gender, sex, disability discrimination, failure to accommodate, retaliation, in violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination 10:5-1 et seq.
- 3. As a direct, foreseeable and proximate result of defendants' discriminatory acts, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial losses in earnings and benefits, and has suffered and continues to suffer humiliation, embarrassment, mental and emotional distress, discomfort, pain and suffering

COUNT TWO

(VIOLATION of AGE DISCRIMINATION in EMPLOYMENT ACT 29 U.S.C. sections 621-634)

- 1. Plaintiff refers to the allegations set forth in the Facts Common to All Claims and Count
 One and by such reference repleads and incorporates them as though fully set forth herein.
- Defendants' conduct as alleged in this complaint constitutes an unlawful employment practice, disparate treatment, hostile work environment based on age in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. sections 621-634
- 3. In addition to its direct liability, the Defendant City of Jersey City is also vicariously responsible for the actions of Mark Bunbury, Arthur Williams, its agents or employees, by way of the doctrine of respondent superior.

4. As a direct, foreseeable and proximate result of defendants' discriminatory acts, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial losses in earnings and benefits, and has suffered and continues to suffer humiliation, embarrassment, mental and emotional distress, discomfort, pain and suffering

COUNT THREE

RETALIATION in VIOLATION of TITLE VII of the CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1064. 42 U.S.C. sec. 2000e- (a)

- 1. Plaintiff refers to the allegations set forth in the Facts Common to All Claims and Counts
 One and Two and by such reference repleads and incorporates them as though fully set
 forth herein.
- 2. Section 704(a) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee "because he has opposed any practice made an unlawful employment practice by this subchapter." 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-3(a).
- 3. Plaintiffs made informal and formal complaints to Defendants' agents and employees opposing Defendants' unlawful, discriminatory employment practices based on gender/sex.
- 4. Defendants' adverse actions constituted retaliatory workplace harassment.
- 5. Defendants' retaliatory actions were sufficient to deter a reasonable person from engaging in protected activity under Title VII.
- 6. As a direct, legal and proximate result of Defendants' retaliation, Plaintiffs have sustained, and will continue to sustain, economic and emotional injuries, resulting in damages.

COUNT FOUR

(VIOLATION of 42 U.S.C. sections, 1983 and 1985)

- 1. Plaintiff refers to the allegations set forth in the Facts Common to All Claims and Counts One, Two and Three and by such reference repleads and incorporates them as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. Plaintiff repeats the aforementioned allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 3. By the defendants' actions as foresaid and acting with deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's constitutional rights, the defendants violated Plaintiff's rights including but not limited to his right to Due Process under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, 42, U..S.C. sections 1983 and 1985 as well as her free speech and associational rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which violations were made by an official decision or decisions made under color of law by one or more individuals vested with authority, actual and/or implied, to make such decisions for a public body of the State of New Jersey.
- 4. In addition to its direct liability, the Defendant City of Jersey City is also vicariously responsible for the actions of Arthur Williams, Mark Bunburry, its agents or employees, by way of the doctrine of respondent superior.
- 5. As a direct, foreseeable, and proximate result of defendants' discriminatory acts, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial losses in earnings and job benefits and has suffered and continues to suffer humiliation, embarrassment, mental and emotional distress and discomfort.

(COUNT FIVE)

(VIOLATION OF FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT 29 U.S.C.A. section 2601)

- 1. Plaintiff refers to the allegations set forth in the Counts One, Two, Three and Four above and by such reference repleads and incorporates them as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant City of Jersey City is an employer of at least 50 people.
- 3. Defendant City of Jersey City interfered with, retaliated against, restrained and/or denied Plaintiff protection afforded under the Family Medical Leave Acts by discriminating and/or retaliating against plaintiff, by not protecting her job security because she exercised her rights under FMLA 29 U.S.C.A. section 2601, et seq.
- 4. As a proximate cause of defendants' conduct, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial losses in earnings, retirement benefits and other employee benefits that plaintiff would have received had defendants not violated plaintiff's rights under the FMLA.
- 5. As a further proximate result of the above-mentioned acts, plaintiff has suffered economic losses, humiliation, mental pain and anguish.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Sabrina Harrold prays for Judgment against all Defendants, individually, jointly, severally and each of them for all aforementioned claims, for the following injunctive and monetary relief as follows:

- 1. An order compelling Defendants to take prompt appropriate and effective corrective measures, including those that effect all supervisors and personnel, to prevent abuse, harassment, bullying and discrimination complained of in this Complaint by any employee, agent, and/or representative toward any member of the City of Jersey City Hall community.
- 2. An order enjoining Defendants from taking retaliatory action of any type against any employees for reporting to or objecting to Defendants' improper activities, policies, and/or practices believed to be in violation of contract, law, rule, and/or regulation promulgated pursuant to law.
- 3. Any other prospective injunctive relief that the Court deems just and appropriate
- 4. For compensatory damages including but not limited to lost wages and benefits, and emotional distress damages
- 5. Punitive damages
- 6. Pain and suffering
- 7. Attorney fees and costs, plus interest
- 8. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues.

By:

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Dated: November 30, 2019